

News and Opportunities

NEWS AND RESOURCES

Today is "Get Connected... Stay Connected" Sunday. Stop by Coffee Hour to learn more about the many different ways in which you can be involved in and a part of the Fourth Church community. Representatives of various programs will be available to provide information and opportunities to sign up for classes and activities.

Next Sunday's Volunteer Fair will be held during Coffee Hour in Anderson Hall. Several Fourth Church programs and community organizations will be present, making available information about ways in which you can share your time and talent with those in need.

Sunday parking rates at the 900 North Michigan garage have increased to \$7.50 for validated parking between 6:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please note that this validation is only valid for three hours or less. For parking exceeding three hours, the validation will not be honored and regular garage rates will apply. Tickets must be validated at the church-either in the Narthex, at Coffee Hour, or at the reception desk. Sunday parking also continues to be available at the Hancock garage at the rate of \$6.00 until 2:00 p.m. Other possible sources of discounted parking are being explored. Weekly rates at the 900 garage remain unaffected.

Have you met a homeless person you're not sure how to help? Pocket cards detailing the hours and services of the Elam Davies Social Service Center are now available. These cards, which are available from the receptionist or from the Chicago Lights table at Coffee Hour, can be used to give to those in need.

If you are not a registered voter, please stop by the table provided for voter registration during Coffee Hour. If you are planning to vote in person, no ID is required to register; however, you must take ID with you when voting. If you are planning to vote absentee, you must provide two forms of ID (one of which must be a picture ID) when registering.

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Boar d are available in the pew racks and the literature racks. Completed forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church office.

The Chicago Avenue Garden site is unlocked and open for gardening during the following hours each week:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Saturday: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, contact Anne Crow at the church at 312.573.3369 or visit www.fourthchurch.org.

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Pianists Trudy Lau and Ursula Wang will perform Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

ENRICHMENT

Bible Study opportunities this week: *John Knox*, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. *Parents*, Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. *Noonday*, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m. *Older Adults*, Fridays at 10:00 a.m.

Registration for new Academy for Faith and Life adult education classes will take place today during Coffee Hour.

"Navigating Career Transitions" is the topic of a weekly series on practical tools, tips, and motivation for employment held on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Dining Room. This week's presentation is "Knowing Your Insurance Options." For more information, contact Carol Allen at the church at 312.640.5398.

The Smoking Cessation Program,

sponsored by the Center for Whole Health, will meet for eight weeks from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. starting September 23. Registration is required. Contact Terrill L. Stumpf at the church at 312.981.3396 to register or for more information. Scholarships are available.

An eight-week T'ai Chi class, sponsored in part by the Center for Whole Health, will be held Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. beginning September 23. Space is limited and registration is required by September 13; to register, call Terrill L. Stumpf at the church at 312.981.3396.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Sunday School begins today. All children and their parents are invited to meet in rooms W03 and W04 on the lower level at 9:00 or 10:30 a.m.

Registration for the Children and Youth and Cherub choirs is today. To register, stop by the Music table in Anderson Hall. The first rehearsal for these choirs is next Sunday, September 19 in the Dining Room.

The All-Youth Kick-Off and lunch for youth and their parents takes place today at 12:30 p.m. in the Dining Room.

Open houses for all college students will be held today in the Page Smith Room: undergraduate students meet at 4:30 p.m. and graduate students meet at 7:30 p.m.

Adult Youth leaders will be recognized and commissioned at the 9:30 worship service next Sunday, September 19.

Fall Family Camp is October 8–10 at Presbyterian Camps in Saugatuck, Michigan. Join Fourth Church families for a weekend experiencing "God's Bountiful Harvest." Space is limited, so reserve early using registration forms found in Westminster House or by calling Jill Stephens Schiltz in the Family Ministry Office at 312.640.2578 (jschiltz@fourthchurch.org).

Collector plates depicting Fourth

Church will be available for pick up beginning today in Anderson Hall. Those who still wish to order plates can do so this morning or by calling Jill Stephens Schiltz in the Children and Family Ministry office at 312.640.2578.

FELLOWSHIP

Fourth Forum, a gathering of Fourth Church gays, lesbians, and friends, will have a potluck in a member's home on Saturday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the Fourth Forum Infoline (312.787.2729, ext. 367).

Venture Fourth, a group for single adults, meets today at 11:00 a.m. in the Page Smith Room for spiritual reflection and fellowship. For more information, please contact Lisa Cochrane at the church at 312.640.5495.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Bebe Moore Campbell, author and nationally recognized commentator for National Public Radio, will be the speaker at a free Michigan Avenue Forum on Tuesday, October 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. She will read from her children's book *Sometimes My Mommy Gets Angry* and lead a discussion on the effect of adult depression and mental illness on children. A candlelight procession to Holy Name Cathedral will follow in observance of National Mental Illness Awareness Week.

"Time for Recess"

A benefit for Partners in Education Tutoring will be held Saturday, October 2 at Chicago Children's Museum. Tickets for this benefit, held in celebration of Tutoring's 40th anniversary, are available at the Chicago Lights table during Coffee Hour. For more information, contact Judith Moore in the Chicago Lights office at 312.981.3566.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS

Current Donation Needs

Donations toward 125 hot meals to be served at the Fourth Church sponsored Monday night supper; donations may be made in memory or honor of loved ones

Baby and infant clothes, beds, bedding, stuffed animals, and strollers

Men's clothing, especially in big and tall sizes

Two-floor dumb waiter in good condition

Loose-leaf lined paper, pencils, black ballpoint pens, and crayons for Fourth Church Tutoring Program

Area rugs, beanbag chairs, colored storage containers, rocking chairs, gently used board games, flashcards, and new reading books (grades K-8) for Near North Magnet Schools in Cabrini-Green

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for children from Cabrini-Green and Henry Horner homes, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. one evening a week

Helpers for Kids' Cafe from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. one afternoon a week

Clothes sorters on Mondays for the Social Service Center's Share Shop

Sanctuary hosts to serve Sunday afternoons and during the week

Fourth Church members to usher at Vespers once a month

Fourth Church member to purchase and cut bread for Vespers on the fourth Sunday of each month

Singers for the Chancel (8:00 a.m.) and Vespers (6:30 p.m.) choirs

Fourth Church members to serve as substitute teachers for Sunday School at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

For more information, stop by the Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or call Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 12-18, 2004

Sunday, September 12		
7:50 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Nursery	Westminister 14
8:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuar y
9:00 a.m.	"Get Connected Stay Connected"	Anderson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
9:30 a.m.	John Knox Bible Study	Page Smith Room
10:30 a.m.	"Get Connected Stay Connected"	Anderson Hall
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship John M. Buchanan preaching	Sanctuar y
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	Westminster House
11:00 a.m.	Venture Fourth	Page Smith Room
12:00 p.m.	"Get Connected Stay Connected"	Anderson Hall
12:15 p.m.	Intercessory Prayer	Stone Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Church Tour	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	All-Youth Kick-Off	Dining Room
4:30 p.m.	Undergraduate Student Open House	Page Smith Room
5:30 p.m.	Vespers Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Vespers Service Calum I. MacLeod preaching	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Coffee Reception	Loggia
7:30 p.m.	Graduate Student Open House	Page Smith Room
Monday, September 13		Gr Gl I
9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Daily Prayer (Monday–Friday) Inquirers' Class	Stone Chapel Page Smith Room
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Tuesday, September 14		
4:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Cabrini Garden Hours (TuesThurs.)	hicago Avenue Site
6:30 p.m.	"Your Particular Grief" Seminar Lorene Replogle	Counseling Center
Wednesday, September 15		
9:30 a.m.	Parents Bible Study Large	e Conference Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Bible Study Large	e Conference Room
5:30 p.m.	"Navigating Career Transitions"	Dining Room
Thursday, September 16		_
6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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Friday, September 17		
10:00 a.m.	Older Adults Bible Study	Page Smith Room
12:10 p.m.	Noonday Concert: Trudy Lau and Ursula Wang, Pian	
6:00 p.m.	Family Night Cl	hicago Avenue Site
Saturday, September 18		
9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class	Page Smith Room
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Preaching on Sunday, September 19		
	John M. Buchanan 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.	
	John H. Boyle 6:30 p.m.	

Parking is available Sundays at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$6.00 until 2:00 p.m. and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.50 to 4:00 p.m. (validation is for three hours or less) and \$6.25 after 5:00 p.m. Weekday parking is available after 5:00 p.m. at 900 North Michigan at the rate of \$6.25. Tickets must be validated during Coffee Hour or at the Chestnut Street reception desk.